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SUPPLEMENT

1. Although it does not have Soviet AG status, the firm of Meier & Weichelt in Leipzig is producing exclusively for the Russians under the direct control of Marshal of the Armored Forces Rotmistrov in Berlin.

2. In October 1946, the foundry was concerned with the following orders, which are given in the original German:

6,000 Kettenglieder gross mit Zahn a 24 kg 120,000 kg.

2,700 rechte Zwischenglieder ohne Zahn für grosse Glieder a 11 kg und 6,700 linke dagegleichen: ergibt

..... 125,400 kg.

1,000 mittlere Glieder mit Zahn a 15.5 kg 77,500 kg.

5,000 mittlere Glieder ohne Zahn a 13.0 kg 65,000 kg.

3,700 kleine Glieder a 4.5 kg 7,650 kg.

3. Plans for 1947 include the production each month of 15,000 caterpillar tracks of a new type track with a width of sixty-five centimeters. The cast for this was made in November 1946.

4. Other types of casts for unknown use are made by Meier & Weichelt on the order of the section "Betriebsmittel (Modelle und Vorrichtungen)" for the representative of the Ministry of Transport Machinery, Moscow, (Markomat) in Halle, Rathausplatz 12. A number of other firms in Central Germany are said to be producing forms (Modellbau) for Meier & Weichelt.

5. Some difficulties have been encountered in obtaining sufficient gas for the Martin furnaces, as there are only two electric furnaces in the plant. Heat received from the gas company amounts to less than half of pre-war amounts.

6. Laborers and office workers now employed total 3,200. There is a steady personnel turnover of approximately 400 persons. It is planned to increase employment to the war-time figure of 4,800; in addition, the Russians have ordered that 17,000 persons from other units be trained as smelters.

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